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SUBJECT: ARA NOON PRESS BRIEFING - CUBAN AIRLIFT TRANSIT-
ING GUYANA

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR USE BY
DEPT SPOKESMAN AT NEWS BRIEFING ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS ONLY.
NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED. POST MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON THIS
GUIDANCE WHEN RESPONDING TO QUERIES FROM HOST GOVERNMENT
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OFFICIALS OR THE PRESS. TEXT OF PRESS BRIEFING FOLLOWS.

2. QUESTION: CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THE CUBANS ARE CREATING A POL DEPOT IN GEORGETOWN TO REFUEL AIRCRAFT GOING TO ANGOLA?

3. ANSWER: WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS TO THIS EFFECT. OUR INFORMATION CONFORMS WITH THESE PRESS ACCOUNTS.

4. QUESTION: HAS THE STATE DEPT PROTESTED TO THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THIS MATTER?

5. ANSWER: WE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA IN LATE DECEMBER. OUR POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED.

6. QUESTION: DID TEXACO ACT UNDER U.S. GOVERNMENT PRESSURE TO REFUSE TO REFUEL CUBAN AIRCRAFT?

7. ANSWER: I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY U.S. GOVERNMENT PRESSURE ON TEXACO. WE FIRST LEARNED OF TEXACO'S ACTION FROM THE COMPANY ITSELF.

8. FYI SPOKESMAN: THE 1966 AGREEMENT MENTIONED IN AGENCY FRANCE PRESS ARTICLE IS AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USG AND THE GUYANESE GOVERNMENT REGARDING TEMPORARY USE OF ATKINSON FIELD (NOW CALLED TIMEHRI AIRFIELD) FOR MILITARY TRANSIT AND STORAGE PURPOSES. THE AGREEMENT WAS ENTERED INTO MAY 26, 1966.

9. END TEXT OF PRESS BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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